

**Appendix 2 (as supplied by the authors): Policies on Family Consent for Organ Donation
by Province/Territory**

Source of Policy Information*	Policy on Family Consent
BC Transplant http://www.transplant.bc.ca/about-us/faq	"...we ask the family if they are aware of any change in their loved one's decision, and will honor their wishes."
Government of Alberta https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/organ-and-tissue-donation-consent-to-donate.aspx	"...the signed, dated and witnessed donation consent form you submit to the Registry is legal consent under Alberta legislation; however, your next of kin will be asked by the donation team to sign a consent form agreeing that your wishes will be followed."
Saskatoon Health Region https://www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca/locations_services/Services/organ-tissue-donation	"Families who talk about their decision to donate are more likely to honour the wishes of their loved ones should organ and tissue donation be possible after death."
Transplant Manitoba https://signupforlife.ca/faq.html	"If you become a candidate for organ donation, Transplant Manitoba – Gift of Life will ask your next of kin to give their consent to donation on your behalf. Once in hospital, there is usually no chance to discuss donation with the potential donor, which leaves the decision to the family. It is much easier for the family to make the decision if they know the wishes of their loved one before hand."
Trillium Gift of Life Network [Ontario] https://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/faq.htm	"If you are a potential organ and tissue donor, your family will be approached by Trillium Gift of Life Network (and health care professionals) to discuss the option of donating your organs and tissue...Therefore, it is important that you share your donation decision with your loved ones, so that they can fulfill your donation decision in the event of your death."
Transplant Quebec http://www.transplantquebec.ca/en/faqs	"Pursuant to the Civil Code of Quebec, the family must honour the deceased's decision...In practice, doctors take families' wishes into account because the family may be aware of recent changes to their loved one's wishes."
Legacy of Life Nova Scotia http://www.legacyoflife.ns.ca/how_to_be_a_donor/	"Even if you have registered as a donor, health professionals still need to ask your family for consent before recovering organs or tissue. Donation can take place only if your family consents at the time of death."
Health PEI http://www.healthpei.ca/organandtissuedonation	Q: "What happens when I die and I have indicated that I want to be an organ donor?" A: "Your family will be offered the option to donate organs."
Eastern Health [Newfoundland] http://www.easternhealth.ca/Give.aspx?d=2&id=2223&p=323	"Although you have indicated your 'Intent to Donate' your organs and or tissues, the final decision rests with your next of kin."
Government of New Brunswick https://www.gnb.ca/0051/0217/organ/pdf/5414e-compressed.pdf	"...the person entitled to consent will be approached by a health professional when death has occurred or is imminent for donation. He or she will be discouraged from overriding your wishes, if known."
Yukon Health and Social http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/organdonation.php	"Even if you have signed a donor card or are registered as a donor, doctors will still ask your family before retrieving organs or tissue."
Government of NWT http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/organ-tissue-donation-faqs.pdf	"Until the NWT organ donor registry is fully set up you cannot formally register in the NWT to be an organ or tissue donor. However, you can still tell your family that you wish to be a donor and encourage them to respect your wishes and give permission for organ and tissue donation"

* Websites consulted May 31, 2016. Note, no policy information on family consent was found for Nunavut.